

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 20-28 are pending in the above-identified application. No amendments are herein presented. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner Rejects claims 20-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto (JP, Assignee Ajinomoto) in view of M. R. Johnson, Tanimoto, and Yalpani (the latter three of record).

Sakamoto is directed to a wetting agent “excellent in hygroscopicity and moisturizability”. (See attached translation of Sakamoto, page 1, col. 1, lines 10-11). Hygroscopic materials are defined as “readily taking up and retaining moisture.” (Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, pg 591, attached). The Sakamoto reference describes “hygroscopicity” as “the capability of absorbing of moisture, and moisturizability, i.e., the capability of inhibiting moisture evaporation.” (Translation, page 1, col. 2, lines 2-4).

Applicants submit that nothing in Sakamoto suggests that glutamate or polyglutamic acid would act as a sialogogue, i.e., an agent that stimulates the secretion of saliva. Instead the Sakamoto reference only refers to the ability to absorb moisture and inhibit its evaporation.

Furthermore, there is no indication from Johnson that polyglutamic acid itself acts as a sialogogue. The “pharmaceutically acceptable salts” of Johnson merely “retain or enhance the desired biological activity of the parent compound.” (Johnson, paragraph [0162]).¹ In comparison, if the primary active ingredient of Johnson had been an anti-diabetic agent, using the same quote and reasoning, the Examiner would not have come to the conclusion that the glutamic acid had any

¹ Applicants note that the other Johnson publication, U.S. 2003/0199456 does not add anything to the analysis, and in fact uses the same language as the Examiner’s other Johnson reference. (See paragraphs [0179] and [011]).

significance to one of skill in the art whatsoever. In fact, reviewing Johnson, one of skill would fully expect that the experimental compounds of Johnson are required to be able to present any efficacy against an arbitrary disease.

Tanimoto is cited for the use of polyglutamic acid in food. (Office Action, page 6). Yalpani is cited for the size of polyglutamic acid in its varied forms, and the fact that it might be administered alone. (Office Action, page 7). However, neither Tanimoto or Yalpani would lead one of skill in the art to understand that polyglutamic acid would be effective in a therapy to treat xerostomia. Neither reference indicates that polyglutamic acid is a sialogogue, thus, neither reference remedies the deficiencies of Sakamoto and Johnson.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that one of skill, reading Sakamoto (JP, Assignee Ajinomoto) in view of M. R. Johnson, Tanimoto, and Yalpani would not find the present inventive method of treatment obvious. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and suggest that the claims are in a condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mary M.H. Eliason, Reg. No. 58,303 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Applicants submit that therefore, the addition of this reference does not provide any additional reason for one of skill to expect pharmaceutical activity in xerostomia from polyglutamic acid.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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(54) WETTING AGENT

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SPECIFICATION

1. Title of the Invention WETTING AGENT

2. CLAIMS

A wetting agent comprising a water-soluble polyglutamate.

3. DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a wetting agent containing a water-soluble polyglutamate and has for its object the provision of a wetting agent that is high in safety and excellent in hygroscopicity and moisturizability.

In general, materials having high hygroscopicity have been used as a wetting agent in products whose quality is degraded when moisture is lost therefrom, e.g. cosmetics, ointments and confectionary and also in products used for the purpose of imparting humidity, e.g. skin lotions, creams, shoe creams and the like. There are quite many kinds of organic or inorganic materials having high hygroscopic power. However, usable wetting agents are limited in kind because of the necessity of their low influence on safety or shape stability of product.

Moreover, the properties that wetting agent should have are hygroscopicity, i.e., the capability of absorbing of moisture, and moisturizability, i.e., the capability of inhibiting moisture evaporation. In most cases, ordinarily wetting agents are used in combination so as to ensure these characteristics as necessary. However, among ordinarily used wetting agents, materials having great hygroscopicity, such as sodium lactate, PCA Na and the like are electrolytic in nature and thus, have unfavorable properties from the standpoint of formulation in products, thereby placing limitation on the amount of use and purpose. On the other hand, although polyol wetting agents such as glycerine, sorbitol, propylene glycol and the like have relatively good moisturizability. However, they are liable to bring about stickiness of products and thus, a difficulty is involved in a feeling in use upon application to cosmetics and the like. In addition, attention has been recently paid to hyaluronic acid for use as a wetting agent that has appreciable degrees of hygroscopicity and moisturizability and is good at use feeling. Starting materials therefor are rare types of natural matters such as cock's comb, human umbilical cord and the like and are thus expensive, so that their application is limited themselves.

The inventor made efforts so as to develop a wetting agent that has appreciable hygroscopicity and moisturizability and exhibits a good feeling in use and, as a result, found out excellent characteristic properties of a polyglutamate which is more inexpensive than hyaluronic acid, thereby arriving at completion of the invention.

The polyglutamic acid used as a wetting agent of the present invention may be either synthetic polyglutamic acid derived from a polymer of glutamic acid ester-N-carboxylic anhydride, or natural polyglutamic acid obtained from a number of strains as a fermentation product. For salts, there are used salts of alkali metals such as sodium, potassium, lithium and the like, and water-soluble salts such as ammonium salt, ethanolamine salt, diethanolamine salt, triethanolamine salt, basic amino acid salt and the like. The polyglutamate is a polybasic salt. The neutrality of the salt used in the invention may be arbitrarily selected within a pH range of 3 to 10 in the form of an aqueous solution depending on the purpose.

The degree of polymerization of the polyglutamate of the invention ranges 10 to 1000 and one having a polymerization degree within a range of 20 to 100 is more excellent from the standpoint of the hygroscopicity and moisturizability.

(NMF) of skin, its use as a wetting agent for cosmetics not only keeps the form of product, but also brings about such effects that an appropriate degree of moist feeling and smoothness are imparted to the skin after use and the skin is prevented from chapping.

As such cosmetics include hair spray, styling spritz, cleansing cream, skin lotion, shampoo, rinse, hair treatment, milky lotion, lotion, shaving cream, cold cream, hand cream, permanent wave lotion, solid detergent, liquid detergent, perspiration deodorant and the like, and the agent is applicable irrespective of the form of product. Where the wetting agent of the present invention is added to a variety of products, a degree of wettability corresponding to the added amount can be imparted. In this connection, if the agent is generally used in the range of 0.01 to 10 wt%, preferably 0.005 to 5 wt%, a desired purpose can be attained.

Further, when the wetting agent of the invention is used in combination with other types of wetting agents, e.g. glycerine, propylene glycol, sorbitol, sodium PCA, sodium lactate, an amino acid and the like, its effect is not impeded. If necessary, various types of surface active agents, solubilizers and oils may be used in combination.

As shown in examples appearing hereinafter, the wetting agent of the present invention exhibits excellent hygroscopicity and moisturizability, and imparts a nonstick, moist feel to a matter to be applied owing to the film formability resulting from the polymer structure.

Accordingly, the wetting agent of the present invention added to products that have a tendency of losing moisture upon exposure to air, e.g. shoe creams, paints, paper articles and the like, serves to maintain and improve the quality thereof.

Moreover, when the wetting agent is added to products that are unwilling to become electrically charged, such as fiber products, copying papers, records and the like, or the products is subjected to immersion treatment, such as immersion in an aqueous solution of the wetting agent of the present invention. The product is imparted with an appropriate degree of hygroscopicity, and especially, fiber products having subjected to such a treatment is enhanced in moist feeling and improved in texture.

Hence, the wetting agent of the present invention is effective for a wide variety of products and is particularly made of a material of high safety, for which it can be added to foods, cosmetics and the like. Especially, since a polyglutamate is a kind of polypeptide that is a natural moisturizing factor

The invention is particularly described by way of examples.

Example 1

The hygroscopicity and moisturizability of 10% aqueous solutions of the wetting agent of the invention and wetting agents for reference were measured according to a wide-line pulse NMR method in terms of an amount of unfrozen water per unit dry weight of wetting agent at -20°C. (Fragrance Journal, 10(5), 59(1982)). As is apparent from Table 1, the hygroscopicity and moisturizability of the polyglutamate is at a level comparable to those of the wetting agents such as glycerine, Na pyrrolidone carboxylate (PCA) and the like, and those salts having relatively low molecular weights are better and the hygroscopicity and moisturizability in the vicinity of weak acidity (at a pH of about 5) is excellent.

Table 1

Amount of unfrozen water of a 10% aqueous solution of individual wetting agent at -20°C (wide-line pulse NMR method) (average value in the range of -30°C to -10°C in the course of thawing)

Wetting agent				Amount of unfrozen water (g of H ₂ O/g dry weight)
Invention	Synthetic sodium polyglutamate	Molecular weight	pH	
		30	3.0	1.20
			5.7	1.58
			10.0	1.33
		300	5.8	1.16
	10.0		0.87	
	Fermented sodium polyglutamate	300	5.0	1.19
8.0			0.95	
Reference	Sorbitol			0.55
	Glycerine			1.47
	Sodium PCA			1.62
	Sodium lactate			2.21

The oil phase and aqueous phase were, respectively, heated to 80°C, and the aqueous phase was gradually added to the oil phase under agitation, followed by agitation until the temperature was down to 40°C and cooling to obtain a milk lotion.

30 adult females were divided into two groups, which made use of the above formulation product and a reference product obtained by removing the wetting ingredient from the above formulation, respectively. As a result, such an evaluation that a feel in use and feeling after use were good as being moist was obtained from the group making use of the formulation product of the invention, whereas a tendency that the skin became dry was observed for the group making use of the wetting agent-free product.

Example 4 Hair shampoo

A hair shampoo having the following formulation was prepared.

coconut oil fatty acid acylglutamic acid/ triethanolamine salt (30%)	30.0 g
sodium lauryl ether sulfate (25%)	20.0 g
coconut oil fatty acid diethanolamide	3.0
disodium citrate 1.5 hydrate	2.0
polyethylene glycol monostearate	1.0
propylene glycol	3.0

Example 2

3 g of a 1% aqueous solution of each of a wetting agent of the invention and reference agents was placed in a thermostatic bath at 25°C, under which air having a relative humidity of 25% was introduced into the bath at a rate of 10 liters/minute.

Moisturizability was checked from a weight loss ascribed to the evaporation of water. The results are as shown in Fig. 1, revealing that the wetting agent of the invention exhibits moisturizability at a level equal to those of sodium PGA and hyaluronic acid.

Example 3 Milk lotion

A milk lotion having the following formulation was prepared according to a procedure set out below.

Oil phase	liquid paraffin	31.6 g
	solid paraffin	4.5 g
	cetanol	4.5 g
	sorbitan monostearate	1.8 g
	polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monoolcate	2.8 g
Aqueous phase	Na polyglutamate (degree of polymerization of 30)	1.0 g
		1.0 g
	sodium PCA	1.0 g
	water	50.0 g
	preservative	0.1 g

sodium polyglutamate (degree of polymerization of 300)	1.0
polyoxyethylene lanolin alcohol	2.0
water	38.0

This shampoo was imparted with moistness to the hair after rinsing and was better in texture than a wetting agent-free product.

Example 5 Coating of bean-jam bun

A composition was prepared according to the following formulation.

Wheat flour	100 g
Baking powder	5 g
White sugar	60 g
Water	3 tablespoons

Water and white sugar were combined and heated, and were allowed to cool after dissolution, followed by further addition of wheat flour and baking powder and well mixing. This composition was divided into halves. One was admixed with 1% of sodium polyglutamate (degree of polymerization of 300) and 1% of sodium lactate.

Both compositions were steamed to make coatings of a bean-jam bun. Both were exposed to air at room temperature for 10 days, whereupon little change was recognized for the coating to which the

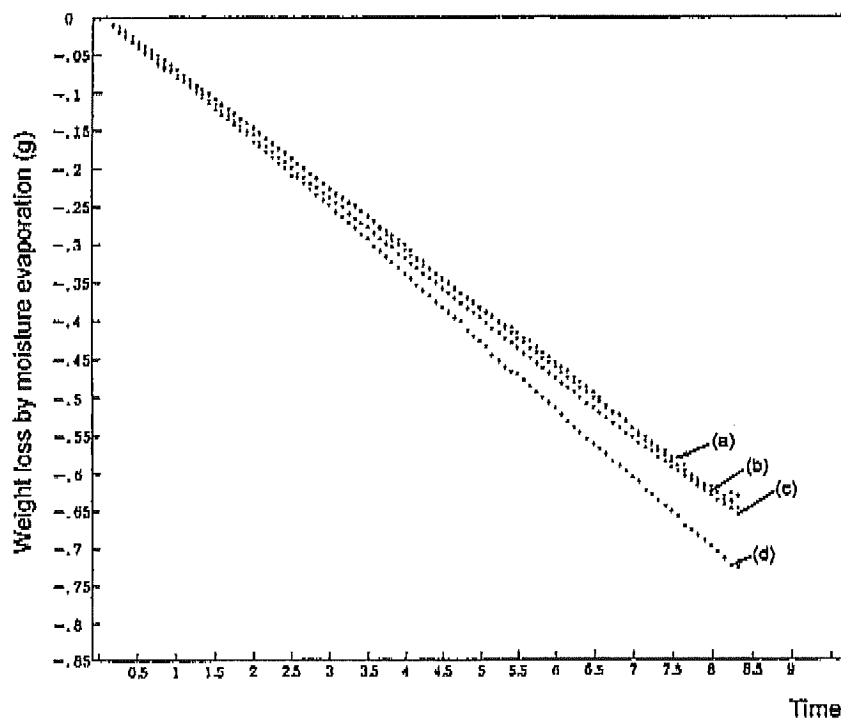
wetting agent of the invention had been added, and the agent-free coating lost moisture therefrom and became dried.

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Fig. 1 is a graph showing a weight loss owing to the evaporation of moisture in relation to time when 1% aqueous solution of each wetting agent was placed in a thermostatic bath at 25°C, under which air having a relative humidity of 25% was introduced into the bath. Incidentally, in the drawing, reference character (a) is the measurement result only used Na pyrrolidone carboxylate; (b) is only hyaluronic acid; (c) is only sodium polyglutamate (degree of polymerization of 300) of the invention; and (d) is only water, respectively.

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Table 1



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pressure in a fluid or exerted by a fluid on an immersed body — compare HYDRODYNAMICS
hy-dro-sul-fite \hi-drə-'səl-fīt\ n [ISV] (ca. 1864) : a salt containing the negative bivalent group $S_2O_4^{2-}$; esp. : the sodium salt $Na_2S_2O_4$ used as a reducing and bleaching agent
hy-dro-tax-is \hi-drə-'tak-səs\ n [NL] (ca. 1900) : a taxis in which moisture is the directive factor — **hy-dro-tac-tic** \-'tak-tik\ adj
hy-dro-ther-a-py \hi-drə-'ther-ə-pē\ n [ISV] (1876) : the scientific use of water in the treatment of disease — compare HYDROPATHY
hy-dro-ther-mal \hi-drə-'ther-məl\ adj [ISV] (1849) : of or relating to hot water — used esp. of the formation of minerals by hot solutions rising from a cooling magma — **hy-dro-ther-mal-ly** \-mə-lē\ adv
hy-dro-tho-rax \-'thō(ə)r-aks, -'thō(ə)r-\ n [NL] (1793) : an excess of serous fluid in the pleural cavity; esp. : an effusion resulting from failing circulation (as in heart disease or from lung infection)
hy-dro-tro-pism \hi-drə-'trō-piz-əm\ n [ISV] (ca. 1882) : a tropism (as in plant roots) in which water or water vapor is the orienting factor — **hy-dro-tro-pic** \hi-drə-'trō-pik, -'trāp-ik\ adj — **hy-dro-tro-pi-cal-ly** \-'trō-pi-k(ə)-lē, -'trāp-i-k(ə)-lē\ adv
hy-drous \hi-'drəs\ adj (1826) : containing water usu. chemically combined (as in hydrates)
hy-drox-ide \hi-'drāk-sīd\ n [ISV] (1851) : 1 : a compound of hydroxyl with an element or group 2 : any of various hydrated oxides regarded as containing hydroxyl
hydroxide ion (1945) : the anion OH of basic hydroxides — called also **hydroxyl ion**
hy-drox-y \hi-'drāk-sē\ adj [ISV, fr. *hydroxyl*] (1812) : HYDROXYL esp. : containing hydroxyl esp. in place of hydrogen — often used in combination (*hydroxyacetic acid*)
hy-drox-y-a-pa-tite \hi-'drāk-sē-'ap-ə-tīt\ or **hy-drox-y-lap-a-tite** \-'sə-'lap-ə-tīt\ n (1912) : a complex phosphate of calcium $Ca_3(PO_4)_2OH$ that occurs as a mineral and is the chief structural element of vertebrate bone
hy-drox-y-bu-tyr-ic acid \hi-'drāk-sē-byū-'tir-ik-\ n (1879) : a hydroxy derivative $C_4H_7O_3$ of butyric acid
hy-drox-y-l \hi-'drāk-sē\ n [*hydr-* + *ox-* + *-yl*] (1869) : the univalent group or ion OH consisting of one atom of hydrogen and one of oxygen that is characteristic esp. of hydroxides, oxygen acids, alcohols, glycols, and phenols — **hy-drox-y-l-ic** \hi-'drāk-'sil-ik\ adj
hy-drox-y-l-amine \hi-'drāk-sē-'lo-mēn, -'drāk-'sil-ə-mēn\ n [ISV] (1869) : a colorless odorless nitrogenous base NH_2O that resembles ammonia in its reactions but is less basic and that is used esp. as a reducing agent
hy-drox-y-lase \hi-'drāk-sē-'lās, -'lāz\ n (1953) : any of a group of enzymes that catalyze oxidation reactions in which one of the two atoms of molecular oxygen is incorporated into the substrate and the other is used to oxidize NADH or NADPH
hy-drox-y-late \hi-'drāk-sē-'lāt\ vt -at-ed; -at-ing (ca. 1909) : to introduce hydroxyl into — **hy-drox-y-lat-ion** \-'drāk-sē-'lā-shən\ n
hy-drox-y-pro-line \hi-'drāk-sē-'prō-'lēn\ n (1905) : an amino acid $C_6H_9NO_3$ that occurs naturally as a constituent of collagen
hy-drox-y-try-pa-mine \-'trīp-ə-mēn\ n (1949) : SEROTONIN
hy-drox-y-urea \-'yu-'rē-ə\ n (1949) : a compound $CH_3N_2O_2$ used to treat some forms of leukemia
hy-drox-y-zine \hi-'drāk-sē-'zēn\ n [*hydrox-* + *piperazine*] (1956) : a compound $C_8H_{10}ClN_2O_2$ used as an antihistaminic and tranquilizer
hy-dro-zo-an \hi-'drə-'zō-ən\ n [deriv. of Gk *hydr-* + *zōon* animal — more at *zo-*] (1877) : any of a class (Hydrozoa) of coelenterates that includes simple and compound polyps and jellyfishes having no stomodaeum or gastric tentacles — **hydrozoan** adj
hya-e-na \hi-'ē-nə\ n [ME *hyena*, fr. *hyaena*, fr. Gk *hynaia*, fr. *hys* hog — more at *sow*] (14c) : any of several large strong nocturnal carnivorous Old World mammals (family Hyaenidae) that usu. feed as scavengers — **hy-e-nic** \-'ē-nik, -'en-ik\ adj — **hy-e-noid** \-'ē-nōid\ adj
hyet- or **hyeto-** comb form [Gk, fr. *hyetos*, fr. *hyein* to rain — more at *rain*] : rain (etymology)
hy-gi-e-na \hi-'jē-(y)ə\ n [L, fr. Gk *Hygieia*] : the goddess of health in Greek mythology
hy-gi-e-ne \hi-'jē-nə\ also **hi-'jē-nə** [F *hygiène* & NL *hygieina*, fr. Gk, neut. pl. of *hygieinos* healthful, fr. *hygieis* healthy; akin to Skt *su* well and to L *vivus* living — more at *quick*] (1671) : 1 : a science of the establishment and maintenance of health 2 : conditions or practices (as of cleanliness) conducive to health — **hy-gi-e-nic** \hi-'jē-'en-ik, hi-'jē-n-, hi-'jē-n\ adj — **hy-gi-e-ni-cal-ly** \-'i-k(ə)-lē\ adv — **hy-gi-e-nist** \hi-'jē-n-sist, hi-'jē-n-, hi-'jē-n\ n
hy-gien-ics \hi-'jē-'en-iks, hi-'jē-n-, hi-'jē-n\ n pl but sing in constr (1855) : HYGIENE
hygro- also **hygro-** comb form [Gk, fr. *hygros* wet — more at *HUMOR*] : humidity : moisture (hygroscope)
hy-gro-graph \hi-'grə-'gräf\ n [ISV] (ca. 1864) : an instrument for recording automatically variations in atmospheric humidity
hy-grom-e-ter \hi-'grām-ət-ər\ n [prob. fr. F *hygromètre*, fr. *hygr-* + *-mètre* -meter] (1670) : any of several instruments for measuring the humidity of the atmosphere — **hy-gro-met-ric** \hi-'grə-'me-trik\ adj — **hy-gro-met-ry** \hi-'grām-ət-ri\ n
hy-groph-i-lous \hi-'gräf-ə-ləs\ adj (1863) : living or growing in moist places
hy-grophyte \hi-'grə-'fīt\ n [ISV] (1903) : HYDROPHYTE — **hy-gro-phyt-ic** \hi-'grə-'fit-ik\ adj
hy-gro-scope \hi-'grə-'skōp\ n (1665) : an instrument that shows changes in humidity (as of the atmosphere)
hy-gro-scope \hi-'grə-'skāp-ik\ adj [fr. the use of such materials in the taken up and retained under some conditions of humidity and temperature (as water in clay)] — **hy-gro-scop-i-cal-ly** \-'i-k(ə)-lē\ adv — **hy-gro-scop-i-ci-ty** \-'i-skāp-'is-ət-ē\ n
hy-kā-sa \hi-'kās-, -sōs\ adj [Gk *Hyksōs*, dynasty ruling Egypt, fr. *hyks* to rule, *sw* ruler of the countries of the nomads] (1899) : of or relating to a Semite dynasty that ruled Egypt from about the 18th to the 17th century B.C.
hy-lo- comb form [Gk, fr. *hylē*, lit., wood] : matter : material (hylomorphous)

hy-la \hi-'lə\ n [NL, fr. Gk *hylē*] (1842) : any of a genus (*Hyla*) of tree frogs
hy-lo-zo-ism \hi-'lə-'zō-'iz-əm\ n [Gk *hylē* + *zōōs* alive, living; akin to Gk *zōē* life — more at *quick*] (1678) : a doctrine held esp. by early Greek philosophers that all matter has life — **hy-lo-zo-ist** \-'zō-ast\ n — **hy-lo-zo-is-tic** \-'zō-'is-tik\ adj
hy-men \hi-'mən\ n [L, fr. Gk *hymēn* membrane] (1615) : a fold of mucous membrane partly closing the orifice of the vagina — **hy-men-al** \-'mən-'l\ adj
Hymen [L, fr. Gk *Hymēn*] : the Greek god of marriage
hy-me-ne-al \hi-'mə-'nē-əl\ adj [L *hymenaeus* wedding song, wedding, fr. Gk *hymenaios*, fr. *Hymēn*] (1602) : NUPTIAL — **hy-me-ne-al-ly** \-'nē-ə-lē\ adv
hymeneal n (1655) 1 pl, archaic : NUPTIALS 2 archaic : a wedding hymn
hy-me-ni-um \hi-'mē-nē-əm\ n, pl -nia \-'nē-ə\ or -ni-ums [NL, fr. Gk *hymēn*] (1830) : a spore-bearing layer in fungi consisting of a group of asci or basidia often interspersed with sterile structures
hy-me-nop-ter-an \hi-'mə-'nāp-tə-rən\ n [NL *Hymenoptera*, fr. Gk, neut. pl. of *hymenopteros* membrane-winged, fr. *hymēn* + *pteron* wing — more at *FEATHER*] (ca. 1842) : any of an order (Hymenoptera) of highly specialized insects with complete metamorphosis that include the bees, wasps, ants, ichneumon flies, sawflies, gall wasps, and related forms, often associate in large colonies with complex social organization, and have usu. four membranous wings and the abdomen generally borne on a slender pedicel — **hymenopteran** adj — **hy-me-nop-ter-ous** \-'rəs\ adj
hy-me-nop-ter-on \-'tə-rən, -'rən\ n, pl -tera \-'rə, -'ter-also -ter-ons [NL, fr. Gk, neut. of *hymenopteros*] (1877) : HYMENOPTERAN
hymn \him\ n [ME *ymne*, fr. OE *ymen*, fr. L *hymnus* song of praise, fr. Gk *hymnos*] (bef. 12c) 1 a : a song of praise to God b : a metrical composition adapted for singing in a religious service 2 : a song of praise or joy 3 : something resembling a hymn : PAEAN
hymn vb hymned \himd\; hymning \him-ŋ\ vt (1667) : to praise or worship in or as if in hymns ~ vi : to sing a hymn
hym-nal \him-nəl\ n [ME *hymnale*, fr. ML, fr. L *hymnus*] (15c) : a collection of church hymns
hym-nary \him-nə-rē\ n, pl -ries (1888) : HYMNAL
hymn-book \him-'būk\ n (1779) : HYMNAL
hym-nod-y \him-nəd-ē\ n [LL *hymnodia*, fr. Gk *hymnōidia*, fr. *hymnos* + *aoidēin* to sing — more at *ODE*] (1711) 1 : hymn singing 2 : hymn writing 3 : the hymns of a time, place, or church
hym-nol-o-gy \him-'nāl-ə-jē\ n [Gk *hymnologia* singing of hymns, fr. *hymnos* + *-logia* -logy] (1638) 1 : HYMNODY 2 : the study of hymns
hy-oid \hi-'oid\ adj [NL *hyoides* hyoid bone] (1842) : of or relating to the hyoid bone
hyoid bone n [NL *hyoides*, fr. Gk *hoyoideis* shaped like the letter upsilon (Y, y), being the hyoid bone, fr. y, hy upsilon] (ca. 1811) : a bone or complex of bones situated at the base of the tongue and supporting the tongue and its muscles
hy-o-scine \hi-'ə-sēn\ n [ISV *hyoscyamine* + -ine] (1872) : SCOPOLAMINE; esp. : the levorotatory form of scopolamine
hy-o-scy-a-mine \hi-'ə-'si-ə-mēn\ n [G *hyoscyamin*, fr. NL *Hyoscyamus*, genus of herbs, fr. L, henbane, fr. Gk *hyoskamos*, lit., swine's bean, fr. *hyos* (gen. of *hys* swine) + *kyamos* bean — more at *sow*] (1858) : a poisonous crystalline alkaloid $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$ of which atropine is a racemic mixture; esp. : its levorotatory form found esp. in the plants belladonna and henbane and used similarly to atropine
hypo- — see *HYPO*
hyp-a-bys-sal \hip-ə-'bis-əl, hi-pə-\ adj [ISV] (1895) : of or relating to a fine-grained igneous rock usu. formed at a moderate distance below the surface — **hyp-a-bys-sal-ly** \-'səl\ adv
hyp-aeth-ral \hi-'pe-thrəl\ adj [L *hypaethrus* exposed to the open air, fr. Gk *hypaithros*, fr. *hypo-* + *aithēr* ether, air — more at *ETHER*] (1794) 1 : having a roofless central space (~ temple) 2 : open to the sky 3 : OUTDOOR
hyp-an-thium \hi-'pan-(t)-thē-əm\ n, pl -thia \-'thē-ə\ [NL, fr. *hypo-* + *anth-* + -ium] (ca. 1855) : an enlargement of the floral receptacle bearing on its rim the stamens, petals, and sepals and often enlarging and surrounding the fruits (as in the rose hip) — **hyp-an-thi-al** \-'thē-əl\ adj
hype \hip\ vt hyped; hyp-ing (1926) 1 : PUT ON, DECEIVE 2 a : STIMULATE, ENLIVEN — usu. used with *up* b : INCREASE (gimmicks designed to ~ attendance at the games) 3 : to promote or publicize extravagantly — **hyped-up** \hip-'dāp\ adj
hype n [by shortening & alter.] (ca. 1936) 1 slang : HYPODERMIC 2 slang : a narcotics addict 3 : DECEPTION, PUT-ON 4 : extravagant promotion or advertising
hyper \hi-'pər\ adj [short for *hyperactive*] (1971) : HIGH-STRUNG, EXCITABLE
hyper- prefix [ME *iper-*, fr. L *hyper-*, fr. Gk, fr. *hyper* — more at *OVER*] 1 : above : beyond : SUPER (*hyperphysical*) 2 a : excessively (*hyper-sensitive*) b : excessive (*hyperemia*) 3 : that is or exists in a space of more than three dimensions (*hypercube*) (*hyperspace*)

hy-per-a-cu-ity	hy-per-con-cen-tra-tion	hy-per-ex-cit-ed
hy-per-a-cute	hy-per-con-sci-en-tious	hy-per-ex-cite-ment
hy-per-ag-gres-sive	hy-per-con-sci-en-tious-ness	hy-per-ex-cre-tion
hy-per-alert	hy-per-con-sci-ous	hy-per-fas-tid-i-ous
hy-per-arid	hy-per-con-sci-ous-ness	hy-per-fem-i-nine
hy-per-arous-al	hy-per-de-vel-op-ment	hy-per-func-tion
hy-per-aware	hy-per-de-vel-op-ment	hy-per-func-tion-al
hy-per-aware-ness	hy-per-em-o-tion-al	hy-per-func-tion-ing
hy-per-boom	hy-per-em-o-tion-al-ity	hy-per-im-mu-ni-za-tion
hy-per-ca-ta-bol-ism	hy-per-em-o-tion-al-ity	hy-per-im-mu-ni-ze
hy-per-cau-tious	hy-per-en-er-getic	hy-per-in-fla-tion
hy-per-civ-il-ized	hy-per-ex-cit-a-bil-i-ty	hy-per-in-fla-tion-ary
hy-per-con-gu-la-bil-i-ty	hy-per-ex-cit-a-bil-ity	hy-per-in-ner-va-tion
hy-per-con-gu-la-ble	hy-per-ex-cit-a-bil-ity	hy-per-in-ter-lec-tual

\ə\ about \ə\ kitten, F table \ər\ further \ə\ ash \ā\ ace \ā\ cot, cart
 \a\ out \ch\ chin \ə\ bet \ē\ easy \ē\ go \i\ hit \i\ ice \j\ job
 \j\ sing \ō\ go \ō\ law \ōi\ boy \th\ thin \th\ the \ū\ loot \ū\ foot
 \y\ yet \zh\ vision \ā, k, ŋ, æ, œ, u, w, ū, see Guide to Pronunciation